

1955 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPS AND PLACE WINNERS: Left to right, first row—McCann (Iowa), Peery (Pittsburgh), Roderick (Oklahoma A&M), Formicola (Penn State), Eichelberger (Lehigh), Weick (Iowa STC), Davis (Oklahoma A&M), Hodge (Oklahoma), Blair (Navy), Oberly (Penn State); second row—Bowlin (Oklahoma A&M), Guidi (West Virginia), Lyons (Oklahoma), Kaul (Michigan), Corwin (Cornell, Ia.), Rodriguez (Michigan), TenPas (Illinois), Krufka (Penn State), Leuer (Iowa), Seel (Lehigh); third row—Amerantes (Springfield), Meeks (Illinois), Long (Colorado), Sinadinos (Michigan State), Blubaugh (Oklahoma A&M), DeWitt (Pittsburgh), Gattuso (Navy), Rosenmayer (Colorado), Anthony (Illinois), Konovsky (Wisconsin); fourth row—Perry (West Virginia), Deppe (Michigan), Day (Colorado A&M), Simmons (Temple), Mulligan (Rutgers), Rooney (Syracuse), Solomon (Pittsburgh), Gatto (Iowa STC), Holland (Colorado A&M).

National Collegiate Championships

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Oklahoma A&M's smashing team triumph and record entries for both individual and teams marked the 25th National Collegiate Wrestling Championships held in Cornell University's Barton Hall at Ithaca, N. Y., March 25-26.

In what was regarded as one of the most successful wrestling tournaments ever staged, Coach Art Griffith's Aggies scored 40 points to top the field of 66 schools represented by 181 competitors. Since the first National Collegiate Championships in 1928, the Aggies have won 17 titles and shared another.

Penn State was runnerup with 31 points, followed by Eastern champion Pittsburgh with 28, Oklahoma 26, Lehigh 25, Iowa 24, Michigan 23, Navy 21 and Illinois 19, among the chief contenders.

For the Aggies, the triumph was particularly rewarding because it was achieved without the help of Ned Blass, two-time 177-pound champion whose shoulder injury kept him out of the tournament. The winners produced two champions in Myron Roderick at 130 (137 victor in 1954) and Fred Davis at 167. Dave Bowlin was runnerup at 115 and Doug Blubaugh placed third at 147.

Edward Eichelberger, Lehigh 147-pounder, was awarded the Coaches' Trophy as the tournament's outstanding performer. He stopped Lloyd Corwin of Cornell of Iowa in 6:43 for his fourth pin in five bouts; George Mulligan of Rutgers was decisioned, 10-5, in the semi-finals.

While two 1954 champions came through again (Pete Blair of Navy at 191 in addition to Roderick), two others failed to repeat. Iowa's Dick Govig was eliminated in the 123 quarter-finals by Sam Cario of Cortland State on a referee's decision. Joe Solomon of Pittsburgh lost his semi-final 167-pound bout to Larry TenPas of Illinois, 8-1. TenPas was defeated by Davis, 9-2.

When sophomore Ed Peery of Pittsburgh pinned Lewis Guidi of West Virginia in 8:30 to win the 123-pound title, a milestone in family tradition was reached. Last year Peery's brother, Hugh, triumphed at 115 for the third straight time. The boys' father Rex, coach at Pittsburgh, wrestled for Oklahoma A&M and won the 118 crown in 1933-34-35. For the crowd of 3,500, as well as for the Peery family, all in attendance, the emotional aspects of Ed's triumph were tremendous.

Other champions crowned were Terry McCann of Iowa at 115, Lawrence Fornicola of Penn State at 137, Bill Weick of Iowa State Teachers at 157, Dan Hodge of Oklahoma at 177 and Bill Oberly of Penn State, heavyweight.

McCann disposed of Bowlin in 7:06. Fornicola decisioned Andy Kaul of Michigan, 6-0. Weick got a takedown in the last 20 seconds to win a rousing battle with Mike Rodriguez of Michigan, 6-4. Weick won the 157 title in 1952, prior to Army service. Hodge pinned Penn State's Joe Krufka in 4:23. Oberly decisioned Werner Seel of Lehigh, 5-3.

The smooth dispatch of the 214 bouts, 101 in the Friday afternoon preliminaries, was due in part to the use of five mats simultaneously in all but the third-place finals and championships.

The new National Collegiate scoring system was in effect. For first place, 7 points were awarded; second, 5; third, 3, and fourth 1. Falls, defaults and forfeits accounted for an additional point as did advancement beyond an initial round containing one or more byes.

The Tournament Director was Patrick J. Filley, freshman football coach and athletic administrative assistant at Cornell. New officers of the National Collegiate Wrestling Coaches Association are Arnold (Swede) Umbach of Auburn, President, succeeding Clifford Keen of Michigan; Charles Speidel of Penn State, Vice-President, and Dr. Frank Finger of Virginia, Secretary-Treasurer.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS AND PLACE WINNERS

Class	Champion	Second	Third	Fourth
115-lb.	McCann (Iowa)	Bowlin (Okla. A&M)	Amerantes (Springfield)	Perry (West Virginia)
123-lb.	Peery (Pittsburgh)	Guidi (West Virginia)	Meeks (Illinois)	Deppe (Michigan)
130-lb.	Roderick (Okla. A&M)	Lyons (Oklahoma)	Long (Colorado)	Day (Colorado A&M)
137-lb.	Fornicola (Penn State)	Kaul (Michigan)	Sinadimos (Michigan State)	Simmons (Temple)
147-lb.	Eichelberger (Lehigh)	Corwin (Cornell Col.)	Blubaugh (Okla. A&M)	Mulligan (Rutgers)
157-lb.	Weiek (Iowa Tchrs.)	Rodriguez (Michigan)	DeWitt (Pittsburgh)	Rooney (Syracuse)
167-lb.	Davis (Okla. A&M)	TenPas (Illinois)	Gattuso (Navy)	Solomon (Pittsburgh)
177-lb.	Hodge (Oklahoma)	Arufka (Penn State)	Rosenmayer (Colorado)	Wem (Toledo)
191-lb.	Blair (Navy)	Leuer (Iowa)	Anthony (Indiana)	Gatto (Iowa Tchrs.)
Hvywt.	Oberly (Penn State)	Seel (Lehigh)	Konovsky (Wisconsin)	Holland (Colorado A&M)

TEAM SCORING

Oklahoma A&M 40, Penn State 31, Pittsburgh 28, Oklahoma 26, Lehigh 25, Iowa 24, Michigan 23, Navy 21, Illinois 19, Colorado 15, Iowa State Teachers 14, West Virginia 13, Cornell Col. 11, Colorado A&M 10, Michigan State 9, Rutgers 8, Wisconsin 7, Syracuse 6, Indiana 6, Temple 5, Springfield 5, Cornell U. 3, Cortland State 3, Army 3, Toledo 3, Hofstra 2, Nebraska 2, Oregon State 2, Purdue 2, Washington State 2, Wheaton 2, Harvard 1, Ohio U. 1, Wyoming 1, Knox 1, Loyola 1, San Jose State 1, Waynesburg 1.

National Collegiate Tournament Results

115-Pound Class

FIRST ROUND—Junior Corr (Oklahoma) d. McClain (Oregon State) 7-2; Perry (West Virginia) pinned Clark (Syracuse) in 7:48; Cummings (Cortland State) d. McHugh (Maryland), r.d.; McCann (Iowa) pinned McCall (Temple) in 1:27; Hulings (Pittsburgh) d. Morgan (Wilkes) 6-1; Yoder (Frank. & Marsh.) d. Love (Kent State) 7-6; Amerantes (Springfield) d. Karin (South Dak. St.) 4-0.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—Perry d. Corr 4-3; McCann pinned Cummings in 1:46; Hulings d. Yoder 5-0; Bowlin (Okla. A&M) d. Amerantes 3-2.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—McCann d. Perry 8-0; Bowlin d. Hulings 2-1.

FINAL ROUND—McCann pinned Bowlin in 7:06. Consolation—Amerantes d. Perry.

123-Pound Class

FIRST ROUND—Gappen (Knox) d. Brockmueller (South Dak. St.) 7-3; Guidi (West Virginia) d. Dawkins (Ursinus) 5-0; Cario (Cortland State) pinned Royce (Wyoming) in 1:20; Govig (Iowa) d. Stubblebine (Springfield) 5-0; Ed Corr (Oklahoma) d. Musser (Lock Haven) 7-6; DeGroff (Hofstra) d. Lehman (Oregon State) 8-7; Gibson (Wash. State) d. Whitney (Purdue), r.d.; Leslie (Okla. A&M) d. Townley (Iowa State) 14-13.

SECOND ROUND—D'Allessandro (Rutgers) pinned Gappen in 6:40; Guidi pinned Deppe (Michigan) in 7:09; Cario d. Nodland (Penn State) 8-3; Govig d. Jemison (Cornell U.) 6-2; Meeks (Illinois) d. Corr 14-7; Peery (Pittsburgh) d. DeGroff 4-0; Gunner (Mich. State) d. Gibson 7-3; Leslie pinned Deppe (Lehigh) in 7:40.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—Guidi d. D'Allessandro 9-2; Cario d. Govig, r.d.; Peery d. Meeks 10-6; Gunner d. Leslie 9-4.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—Guidi d. Cario 12-11; Peery d. Gunner 6-3.

FINAL ROUND—Peery pinned Guidi in 8:30. Consolation—Meeks d. Deppe 3-1.

130-Pound Class

FIRST ROUND—Hall (Iowa State) d. Theriault (Yale) 12-2; Janes (Knox) d. Mills (Hofstra) 10-9; Pearson (Michigan) d. Fowley (So. Illinois) 12-6; Lyons (Oklahoma) d. Boda (Cornell U.) 4-2.

SECOND ROUND—Murray (Cornell Col.) d. Homan (Penn State) 9-6; Day (Colorado A&M) d. Hall 3-1; Nevits (Ohio U.) d. Oliver (Rutgers) 4-3; Roderick (Okla. A&M) pinned Janes in 4:15; Pearson d. Blegen (Mankato State) 11-5; Long

(Colorado) d. Goldthorp (Lock Haven) 7-2; Lyons d. Padula (Ursinus) 7-1; Ontiveros (Illinois) d. Cowan (No. Carolina) 5-0.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—Day d. Murray 4-1; Roderick d. Nevits 8-0; Long d. Pearson 9-4; Lyons d. Ontiveros, r.d.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—Roderick d. Day 6-0; Lyons d. Long, r.d.

FINAL ROUND—Roderick d. Lyons 13-2. Consolation—Long d. Day 3-0.

137-Pound Class

FIRST ROUND—Fornicola (Penn State) pinned Sinadinos (Mich. State) in 4:40; Keith (Oregon State) pinned Burnaman (Harvard) in 8:38; Bates (Lehigh) d. McIntyre (Lock Haven) 5-2; Hart (Oklahoma) d. Gratto (Cornell U.) 7-1; Kaul (Michigan) d. Miller (Iowa State) 8-2; Bill Simmons (Temple) d. Twark (Kent State) 8-3; DePrenger (Cornell Col.) d. Wright (Okla. A&M) 7-3; Futchko (Rutgers) d. Mellen (Illinois) 5-0.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—Fornicola d. Keith 8-5; Hart d. Bates 7-4; Kaul d. Simmons 9-4; DePrenger d. Futchko 3-1.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—Fornicola pinned Hart in 8:30; Kaul d. DePrenger, r.d.

FINAL ROUND—Fornicola d. Kaul 6-0. Consolation—Sinadinos d. Simmons 6-1.

147-Pound Class

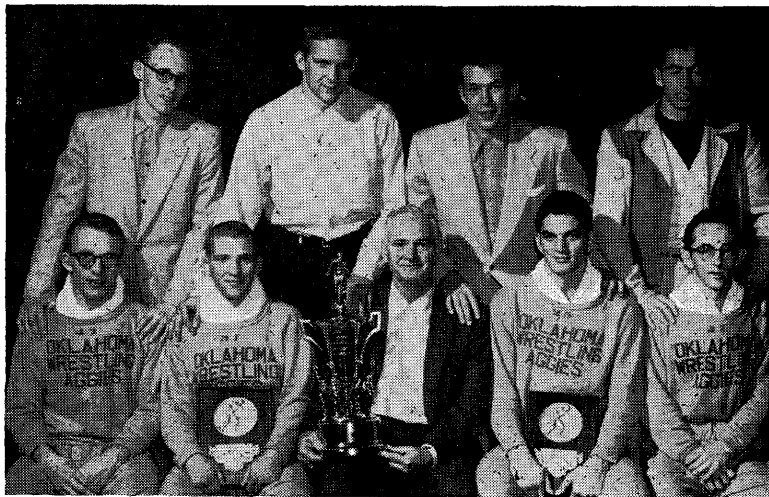
FIRST ROUND—Eichelberger (Lehigh) pinned O'Neil (Wheaton) in 5:26; Blubaugh (Okla. A&M) d. Judd (Cornell U.) 4-1.

SECOND ROUND—Wintermote (Wyoming) d. Adams (Penn State) 4-0; Mulligan (Rutgers) d. Haney (Michigan), r.d.; Cook (Pittsburgh) d. Farris (Kings Point) 6-3; Eichelberger pinned Bills (Ithaca) in 6:42; Blubaugh d. Alexander (Kansas State) 5-2; Corwin (Cornell Col.) d. Jackson (Illinois) 7-1; Young (Oklahoma) pinned Hutchinson (Lafayette) in 5:34; Weick (Purdue) d. Dick Simmons (Temple) 6-2.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—Mulligan d. Wintermote 8-4; Eichelberger pinned Cook in 2:39; Corwin d. Blubaugh 5-3; Weick d. Young 9-5.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—Eichelberger d. Mulligan 10-5; Corwin d. Weick 3-1.

FINAL ROUND—Eichelberger pinned Corwin in 6:43. Consolation—Blubaugh d. Mulligan 4-1.



NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS—OKLAHOMA A&M: Left to right, front row—Doug Blubaugh, 147; Myron Roderick, 130; Art Griffith (coach); Fred Davis, 167; Davey Bowlin, 115; second row—Harmon Leslie, 123; Jerome Budzik, 177; Bill Smoot, 157; Claudell Wright, 137.



NATION'S BEST COLLEGIATE WRESTLERS, 1955—Left to right: Terrance McCann (Iowa) 115, Edward Peery (Pittsburgh) 123, Myron Roderick (Oklahoma A&M) 130, Lawrence Formicola (Penn State) 137, Edward Eichelberger (Lehigh) 147, Bill Weick (Iowa State Teachers) 157, Fred Davis (Oklahoma A&M) 167, Dan Hodge (Oklahoma) 177, Peter Blair (Navy) 191, William Oberly (Penn State) heavyweight.

157-Pound Class

FIRST ROUND—DeWitt (Pittsburgh) pinned Schroeder (Mankato State) in 3:33; Ward (Army) pinned McGehee (No. Carolina) in 8:17; Winder (Iowa) d. Chatwick (Bald-Wall.) 15-4; Weick (Iowa Tchrs.) d. Balot (CCNY) 9-1; Kelly (Loyola) d. Tudi (Cornell U.) 3-1; Lockwood (Colorado A&M) d. Dykhoff (South Dak. St.) 9-3; Taylor (Lehigh) d. Fisher (Millersville State) 5-2; Rooney (Syracuse) pinned Boss (Oklahoma) in 2:40; Bock (Springfield) d. Downey (Auburn) 11-9; Seeber (Wisconsin) pinned Scott (Columbia) in 5:45; Smoot (Okla. A&M) d. Lennox (Mich. State) 9-6; Bormuth (Wyoming) d. Chadwick (Duke) 5-0; Damone (Hofstra) pinned Kastor (Illinois) in 4:34; Rodriguez (Michigan) d. Leshner (Rutgers) 14-4.

SECOND ROUND—DeWitt pinned Humphreys (Penn State) in 8:25; Winder pinned Ward in 8:17; Weick d. Kelly 3-1; Lockwood pinned Taylor in 4:43; Rooney pinned Seeber in 1:06; Smoot d. Bock 10-5; Damone d. Bormuth 6-2; Rodriguez pinned Teuber (Colorado) in 2:34.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—DeWitt d. Winder, r.d.; Weick d. Lockwood 4-1; Rooney d. Smoot 11-4; Rodriguez pinned Damone in 7:00.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—Weick d. DeWitt, r.d.; Rodriguez d. Rooney 13-8.

FINAL ROUND—Weick d. Rodriguez 6-4. Consolation—DeWitt d. Rooney 1-0.

167-Pound Class

FIRST ROUND—TenPas (Illinois) d. Ellwood (Lock Haven) 8-2; Bryant (Nebraska) d. Rohrer (Mankato State) 6-2; Solomon (Pittsburgh) pinned Roper (Colorado State) in 2:42; Jenkinson (Iowa) d. Smith (Syracuse) 5-2; Sanders (Auburn) d. McMahon (Michigan) 6-2; Gattuso (Navy) pinned Broughton (Colorado A&M) in 7:10; Goldman (Wyoming) d. Reif (Wisconsin) 6-2; Formanek (Iowa Tchrs.) d. Toscanos (Colgate) 3-1.

SECOND ROUND—TenPas d. Tebben (Army) 12-5; Bryant pinned Whited (Lehigh) in 7:22; Solomon d. Edgar (Oklahoma) 10-6; Jenkinson d. Bonacci (Toledo) 5-2; Keller (Cornell U.) pinned Sanders in 2:22; Gattuso d. Schwab (Virginia) 6-2; Davis (Okla. A&M) d. Goldman 8-2; McGhee (Wash. State) d. Formanek 8-4.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—TenPas pinned Bryant in 6:09; Solomon d. Jenkinson, r.d.; Gattuso d. Keller 6-3; Davis d. McGhee 14-8.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—TenPas d. Solomon 8-1; Davis d. Gattuso 9-7.

FINAL ROUND—Davis d. TenPas 9-2. Consolation—Gattuso d. Solomon 6-2.

177-Pound Class

FIRST ROUND—Wem (Toledo) d. Budzik (Okla. A&M) 3-0; Carlson (Waynesburg) d. Lynch (Cornell U.) 10-2; Hodge (Oklahoma) pinned Mathews (Wisconsin) in 2:45; Rosenmayer (Colorado) d. Kincaid (Iowa) 5-0; Krufka (Penn State) pinned Braun (Lafayette) in 4:14.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—Wem d. Craze (West Virginia) 3-1; Hodge pinned Carlson in 1:05; Rosenmayer d. Flemming (Frank. & Marsh.), r.d.; Krufka d. Francis (San Jose State) 7-6.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—Hodge d. Wem 7-3; Krufka d. Rosenmayer 9-6.

FINAL ROUND—Hodge pinned Krufka in 4:23. Consolation—Rosenmayer won by forfeit from Wem.

191-Pound Class

FIRST ROUND—Culbert (Harvard) pinned Reese (Lock Haven) in 2:21; Blair (Navy) pinned Cohen (Chattanooga) in 5:24; Leuer (Iowa) d. Gallaher (Lehigh) 9-2; Macaleer (Princeton) d. Egerton (Cornell U.) 4-0.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—Anthony (Indiana) d. Culbert 9-0; Blair pinned Coln (Oklahoma) in 7:50; Leuer d. Schirf (Pittsburgh) 2-0; Gatto (Iowa Tchrs.) d. Macaleer 4-2.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—Blair d. Anthony 6-3; Leuer d. Gatto, r.d.

FINAL ROUND—Blair pinned Leuer in 5:01. Consolation—Anthony d. Gatto 4-2.

Heavyweight Class

FIRST ROUND—Ellis (Kansas State) d. Clock (Lewis & Clark) 7-3.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND—Oberly (Penn State) d. Salerno (Colorado) 5-3; Konovsky (Wisconsin) d. Ellis 2-0; Holland (Colorado A&M) d. Sayenga (Lafayette) 5-0; Seel (Lehigh) d. Krick (Indiana) 12-2.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND—Oberly d. Konovsky 8-4; Seel pinned Holland in 5:23.

FINAL ROUND—Oberly d. Seel 5-3. Consolation—Konovsky d. Holland 2-0.



CREAM OF THE CROP—Auburn's Coach Arnold (Swede) Umbach, new president of the Wrestling Coaches Association, presents the National Collegiate outstanding wrestler award to Edward Eichelberger, 147-pound champion from Lehigh.